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PROPAGATION: Feb. 1-6, High Normal; Feb. 7, Low Normal; Feb. 8, High/Above Normal; Feb. 9, High Normal; Feb. 10, High/Low Normal; Feb. 11, High/Low Normal; Feb. 12, Low Normal; Feb. 13, High/Low Normal; Feb. 14, 15, High Normal. TNX N4XX.

## NEWS- SOME GOOD, SOME BAD

Ian, VK4NIC/3X, will continue active from Guinea for several more months, at his present pace. He has managed to repair his Yaesu by fixing a minor intermittent and he also now has a backup Atlas 210 transceiver which was supplied by W4FRU, John Parrott, Ian's QSL manager.

W4FRU has now ordered the first printing of 5,000 QSL cards, in preparation for when ARRL opens the floodgates by OKaying the operation for DXCC. The present hold-up of the OK is lack of one signature on the documentation for Ian's operation. That documentation recently arrived at the DXCC desk via the rather circuitous route of VK4NIC to 9G1RT to W4FRU to W3AZD. The last John Henry is expected any day now.

The International DX Foundation (IDXF) has sent Ian a new replacement vfo for his Yeasu and also a CW filter. IDXF is also handling the QSL printing and they are working on getting Ian an amplifier, beam aerial and rotator; it is hoped the additional gear will be in Guinea before Karl Renz, K4YT, arrives at the end of Feb. Karl, who is now at C5ACO, has just verified that arrangements for his arrival in Guinea are complete.

Two different sources indicate that the Tristan de Cunha ZD9HH operation by Hal, ZD7HH, has had to be put off from its planned date of early March. Hal couldn't get on the boat which was to take him to ZD9. He is now looking at a possible operation sometime this coming summer, probably June.

OH2BAD, Miika, says the next, and possibly the last, operation from Market Reef will start July 6, 1981, for one week. It is not clear just why this might be the last operation from there. These M.R. operations have taken place regularly during the month of July for several years, due to the efforts of Kee, the lighthouse keeper on M.R.

Talk continues of a Juan Fernandez CE7Z operation to take place in April, under the auspices of the Radio club de Chile. We are certain that one of the TDXB readers in Chile will come through with concrete information as the spring draws near.

Carl and Martha Henson are still trying to get their WB4ZNH/5X and WN4FVU/5X operation from last fall certified by ARRL; Carl sent more documentation to Newington on January 25, hoping to settle the matter once and for all.

Why all this fuss about certification by the DXCC Desk before your cards will be accepted for credit? Well, it all goes back to the 60's, when some operations did not take place from the spots claimed, and also to certain DXpeditioners who operated without the proper official permission. As a result, there are a few countries in the world today where it is much more difficult for anyone to operate than it used to be. For this reason, ARRL's DXCC tightened up the requirements, as one would not be as inclined to bend things in order to operate knowing one's contacts might end up not counting for DXCC.

Jim Smith, VK9NS, has been very active on the air lately, and telling many that the boat for Heard Island and VK0JS is expected to put off on February 7, with operation from Heard to begin about the 15th. The sound of fingers crossing can be heard worldwide!

South Shetland rumor continues: Feb. 15-25, L1LDZ/Z and L1LAF/Z, 3750, 7090, 14260, 21350, 28550, and CW. We'll put it in the Calendar and HOPE.

This issue of TDXB is being mailed to all former subscribers, courtesy of the enclosed advertising flyer. We would like to have you all back as subscribers (needless to say).

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One of the operators who formerly was working the CE9AF South Shetlands station was heard to say that only the callsign is changed, now VP8AEO/CE9. VP8PP confirms this and also states the manager is G4DSE. The station was on last week, haunting the same frequencies (20 and 15 SSB) and times 0200-0400Z) as CE9AF.

Scratch K2CM as QSL manager for BV2A; the station on recently signing BV2A and who, it turns out, gave his name as Alan, was just another phony. K2CM knows nothing about his new role as manager.

Various Turkish stations continue active, as well as EP2TY (ref. TDXB 74); TALNA, whose name is Hasan, was heard to say he is afraid of any incoming mail such as QSLs at this time, and would not give out his address on the air; that is not, of course, unusual, as it would aid the authorities in tracking him down.

PY7PO says he and PY7ZZ made 7,000 contacts during their recent Fernando de Noronha operation (PY's CW and ZZ). PY1RO and PY1MAG would like some financial help as they are planning a Peter and Paul Rocks operation soon.

There has been considerable activity on 21370 at Oh Oh Oh Oh Zulu, with W7RQ and W7TVF hosting. This appears to be a spin-off of one of the Family Hours.

DL7ABY/ST2 is Kurt, in Khartoum, who hails from Berlin and plans a Sudan stay of about a year. Manager is DF3NZ.

Jim Jones, formerly VQ9JJ, and three of his former VQ9 buddies are going to hold a mini-reunion this April at the Dayton Hamvention. They look to encourage other former VQ9s to also attend. In fact, anyone from the general area of the Indian Ocean. Write to Jim at 318 Elmwood, Romeoville IL 60441.

DL1VU is now indeed active from Wallis as FW0VU, and expects to stay another week from the time you read this. He has been active on both 40 and 80 CW, as well as the other bands.

JALNPX/JD1 is on Ogasawara and is on 40 and 80 also, CW only. He leaves mid-February. However, his replacement is JALJWP/JD1, who will fire up at the end of February until the end of March. Says he will concentrate on low band CW, to clean up the demand for Ogasawara in Europe and the U.S. East Coast. QSL info to follow.

Clarifying one point about the N0NO and company expedition to Easter Island later this month: it is not a Twin Cities DXA club operation, as was inferred in last week's report.

## PROPAGATION

Date	Flux	Alpha	K
1/6	165	5	2
1/7	174	9	3
1/8	175	9	3
1/9	173	6	2
1/10	170	6	2
1/11	166	13	3
1/12	162	3	2
1/13	164	7	2
1/14	159	11	3
1/15	155	8	3
1/16	158	13	2
1/17	160	11	3
1/18	167	4	2
1/19	171	4	2
1/20	167	4	2
1/21	162	3	1
1/22	161	9	4
1/23	162	8	2
1/24	162	7	3
1/25	180	6	3

(Thanks to KH6BZF!)

More cards still not being accepted for DXCC are 600DX and G3JKI/5A. 600DX QSLs are still very scarce, at least in North America, and G3JKI/5A pasteboards are even scarcer, like non-existent. They have not even been printed yet, awaiting the go-ahead from Newington.

The E. German operator who has been TN8AJ is reported on his way to Malagasy, but does not have (as yet) a 5R8 license. DK2OC may have updates on his 28750/1200Z gathering.

LU3ZY cards are showing again; one of the locals got back three of them, in return for his seven requests since April, 1979.

Alex Kasevich, W1CDC, prexy of the Caribe DX Association, says that their boat has now been repaired following hurricane damage a year and a half ago, at a cost of \$19K. Look for some upcoming activity by this group, possibly as early as this summer.

One of the reported operations slated for the ARRL CW DX Competition Feb. 21-22 is K8MFO, W8DNC and K8ZH, all /6Y5 Jamaica. They are going to be operating before and after the 'test, also, keeping things simple with no linears, no beams, etc. QSL manager is W8TPS, and C/B since 1945.

ARRL headquarters has removed their telephone answering machine, because they were receiving too many useless calls. General Manager Baldwin made the decision after a morning of listening to the previous evening's calls, complete with singing, whistling, and the usual obscenities.

A decision has still been avoided there at the Hq on a four-day week; the fear is that the membership would balk at not being able to call and get an answer three days per week.



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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

## Low Bands

A9XCE/3505/03E/20  
G6ZY/  
CN/7023/23E/19  
CT2CE/3792/03C/18  
C6ADV/1827/03E/17  
W7LPF/  
DU2/7011/14W/17  
E18H/3780/03C/19  
EL2FY/7005/21E/18  
FC9UC/3796/06C/20  
FK8CR/3790/13C/24  
FM0FJE/3795/03C/19  
HB0BBW/3501/01E/19

HB0BBW/7012/05E/20  
K7CA/  
HCL/3797/05C/21  
HI8JAG/1815/02E/18  
HI8LC/3505/02E/22  
HP3FL/1826/10E/18  
IS0OMH/7006/02E/23  
J1LKUL/  
JD1/7004/11E/22  
KC6MW/7002/12E/22  
KL7Y/7003/01E/17  
W5JW/  
KX6/7010/14C/24  
M1C/3510/23E/18

OA4AWD/3504/03C/20  
OY7ML/3503/02E/18  
OX3ZM/3780/11C/18  
W1BIH/  
PJ2/1805/03E/21  
UA0YAE/7002/00E/21  
UF6CR/3502/02E/20  
UF6FFJ/7007/05E/20  
VK6QB/3508/12E/21  
VK9NS/7005/12E/17  
VK9NS/7004/12E/19  
VP1CBT/3794/04C/19  
KA3BLP/  
VP2A/3797/02C/23

VP9BO/1835/00E/18  
VS6DO/3508/12E/19  
VS6DO/7005/13C/18  
VS6DO/7010/12E/22  
VU2PN/7002/13C/19  
VU2WTR/7002/13C/21  
ZF2DX/1829/04E/17  
OE2SCZ/  
SB4/3792/03C/20  
SN0WRA/7002/23E/21  
7Z2AP/3797/04C/20  
8Q7AQ/7009/00E/20  
8Q7AZ/7002/13C/22

## Africa

A22ZM/21301/19C/24  
K4BF/  
CN8/14003/22E/18  
CN8CO/28524/18E/18  
C5ACA/21291/22E/23  
C5AJO/28520/22E/27  
D4CBC/14208/03C/20  
D4CBC/21303/00E/21  
D68AM/21285/19C/20  
EL2AV/14201/01E/18  
I8JN/  
FH8/14209/16C/18  
I8JN/  
FH8/28527/15E/17  
FR7BP/14031/03C/18  
FR7BP/14044/04E/22  
FR7BP/21288/19C/24  
DL7ABY/  
ST2/21295/21E/22  
ST0AS/28751/15C/19  
W5JMM/  
SU/28675/14E/25  
TJ1SB/14210/22E/20

TR8IG/21027/20C/18  
TU2JJ/14204/03C/17  
TU2IJ/28517/12E/24  
ZD7BW/21370/02C/18  
ZD7HH/28592/20E/24  
ZD8TC/14021/21C/18  
ZD8RH/21296/20E/18  
ZS3KC/28535/19W/23  
3B8CF/14228/01E/21  
3B8DB/28505/12E/23  
3D6BS/21320/20E/24  
VK4NIC/  
3X/21300/22C/16  
VK4NIC/  
3X/21300/21C/18  
VK4NIC/  
3X/21300/22C/24  
VK4NIC/  
3X/28513/15E/20  
5H3KS/14215/21C/17  
5H3KS/14206/23E/18  
5H3KS/14214/21E/19  
5H3AA/21306/20E/22  
5T5DX/21365/18E/18

5T5CJ/28030/22E/21  
5V7HL/21355/22E/18  
5V7HL/21275/16E/24  
5Z4CI/14204/19E/18  
5Z4YV/21295/21E/23  
6W8IH/21006/22E/18  
6W8EX/21300/21C/24  
7P8BL/21358/18C/17  
7X5AH/14210/19E/18  
8Q7AQ/14022/13E/23  
9G1RI/21318/12C/21  
9G1SB/21320/16E/24  
9G1RF/28785/13E/24  
9J2KL/14017/03C/18  
9J2TJ/21279/20C/18  
9J2WS/21025/19C/20  
9J2KL/28012/13E/26  
9X5MH/21330/19C/18  
9X5AB/21332/21E/24  
9X5PP/21300/19C/25

Stop Press 160  
de N4UU, Virginia

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\* 4U1UN/1815/23E/23  
\* J73D/1820/10E/24  
\* GM4KWS/1826/01E/25  
\* GI3OQR/1827/02E/25  
\* GD4BEG/1826/03E/25  
\* OK1KSO/1852/05E/25  
\* W1BIH/  
\* PJ2/1829/07E/25  
\* PJ9EE/1827/09E/25  
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## Asia

A4XH2/14207/13C/24  
A4XIW/14207/13C/24  
A4XIH/28568/16E/20  
A4XIU/28504/15E/21  
A7XA/14227/16C/20  
A7XA/14225/04E/24  
KP4KK/  
DU2/14021/23E/17  
WD4GXY/  
DU2/21023/00E/17

DU9RG/28539/23C/20  
DU9RG/28537/23E/22  
EP2TY/28750/13E/21  
HL0B/21001/01E/17  
HS5AID/14022/14E/18  
HZ1AB/21005/14C/23  
HZ1AB/14226/18C/25  
JY4MB/14224/14E/18  
JY3ZH/14221/14C/26  
OD5P2/28785/13E/24  
TA1UA/21035/12E/17

TA1NA/21290/17C/17  
TA1MD/28750/13E/25  
UH8HCM/28550/13C/21  
UI8IAU/14007/04E/21  
UJ8BQ/14030/05E/18  
VS6EY/14029/13E/23  
VU2RAK/14208/12C/20  
4S7DJ/14207/12E/18  
4S7CF/14228/12C/24  
VE7AAZ/4U/28503/12E/19  
(Syria)

5B4CW/21295/16E/24  
5B4AC/28553/14E/18  
9K2EW/14204/13C/17  
9M2GZ/14242/12E/19  
9M2KG/21010/00W/19  
9V1UQ/14202/00C/22

## Elsewhere

A35PF/21370/00E/18  
VP8AEO/  
CE9/14211/04C/24  
VP8AEO/  
CE9/21315/02E/24  
CX8CW/14013/04E/21  
C21BS/21372/00E/19  
C21BS/21370/01C/20  
FG7BG/14201/01E/20  
FK8DD/14037/07E/17  
FM7AV/28022/22E/18

FY7BB/14029/12E/19  
GD5UG/28534/18E/18  
JW2CF/14003/02E/19  
KA3BLP/  
J6/21298/20E/24  
KC4USC/14254/12C/21  
KC4AAC/14313/02C/21  
N4ADJ/  
KH2/21345/00C/19  
KB7IJ/  
KH2/21345/00E/21  
WH3AAB/21370/01E/17

KH3AB/21030/20C/18  
KH8AC/14023/00E/17  
OH0NJ/14220/12C/20  
JALPIG/  
PZ/28010/14E/18  
SV0AW/9/28720/15C/17  
WB5CKT/  
TF/14052/05E/21  
UPOL22/14006/23E/18  
VP2AZD/28540/19E/23  
VP5FP/28016/13C/20  
VP8QG/14208/03C/17

VP8QG/14203/03C/25  
VR6TC/21351/00E/21  
YJ8NPS/28522/21E/24  
ZF1MA/14206/01E/19  
ZF7BM/21027/00W/19  
4U1UN/14224/16C/25  
8R1RBF/14213/02C/21  
WB4LRB/  
8R1/21345/01C/19



# CALENDAR

Macao	By VS6CT and N6JR	Feb. 4-8 (rumor)
Antigua	KA3BLP/VP2A	On NOW through Feb. 4; Issue 72
Wallis	FW0VU	By DL1VU on NOW; this issue
Gambia	C5ACO	By K4YT on NOW; this issue
Nepal	9N1BMK	By JA8MWU on NOW; Issue 74
Iraq	Y11JY	Early Feb. rumors gone
St. Kitts	VP2KAO/KAP	Feb. 2-7; Issue 71
Heard Island	VK0JS	May start Feb. 15; this issue
Easter Island	CE0A	Feb. 17-24 by N0NO and friends; Issue 74
South Shetland	L1LD2 and L1LAF	Feb. 15-25 rumors; this issue
Easter Island	CE0A	Feb. 25-Mar. 17 by W4s PRO, GSM; Issue 74
Competition	ARRL DX CW	Feb. 21-22
Guernsey	GU4CHY	Feb. 21 on by N6RA; Issues 73, 74
Tristan de Cunha		Cancelled for March, maybe June; this issue
Monaco	CW	Feb. 27-Mar. 6 by PAs; Issue 74
Convention	ARRL National	Mar. 13-15, Orlando; Issue 73
Competition	ARRL DX Phone	Mar. 7-8
Kingman/Palmyra		Still rumored for April; Issue 63
Juan Fernandez		Rumored for April; this issue
Contest	CQ WPX Phone	Mar. 28-29
Contest	County Hunters SSB	May 2-3
Convention	Fresno	May 1-3, Visalia, CA; Issue 72
Contest	CQ WPX CW	May 30-31
Market Reef		July 6 for one week; this issue

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### I'm a Collins Man

(Growl, Snarl)

Several weeks ago two DXers from New Jersey drove up to take away my Collins S-Line. They didn't pull their four-wheel drive Chevy Bronco into the garage because they were afraid it wouldn't fit through the door. I was more afraid they wouldn't fit as these guys were big, the kind you want on your side in an unfriendly tavern. "Aha," I said, these are Collins Men. And indeed they were.

I had the chance to finger the knobs of a new Collins KWM-380 recently, the latest from the Cedar Rapids crew. Like the S-Line gear, the '380 is an amateur version of a commercial radio, and that's how Collins can keep the price lower. The S-Line beat goes on in the '380.

All the knobs and switches on the '380 are big and rugged, and the S-Line tradition of not having any controls which aren't absolutely necessary for receiving and transmitting is continued in the '380. There is a complete absence of bells, whistles, and frills. Those of us who want a radio easily adjusted in the heat

of a pile-up or contest and even in the dark were what the '380 designers had in mind. We who care only about hearing, sending, and the relationship between the two will be happy with this new Collins box.

Does your car buzz and squawk at you when you do something it thinks you shouldn't? Would you rather make the decisions yourself? I would. The '380 owner showed me his IC-720, which automatically shuts off the RIT when you touch the main tuning dial. Curses! And try to operate that tiny box, with its gillion buttons, in the dark. Yet, the ICOM will not receive or transmit signals any better than the Collins, with one-fourth the controls. And the ICOM won't wash dishes, either.

Not having had my ultra-sophisticated test station with me at the time (my VOM is busted) I can't tell you how the KWM-380 reacts, say, when your neighbor fires up a KW a block away. But I'll trust the 'specs. The SPOT function is a little tricky, and the cabinet does not have a lid. Other than those things, it was nigh impossible to find fault.

Ehrhohn's Signal One CX-7 was like the Collins, in that although it had more doo-dads than some they were all vital for receiving and transmitting signals. Then, I look at the Drake TR-7, which has lights to tell me that the RIT and PBT are engaged (in case I suffer terminal memory failure, I guess) I think what they could have put in instead. Who wants to pay for radio gizmos which do not contribute a hoot to the operator's ability to communicate.

To me, amateur radio is just like talking to you on the telephone or over a cold one. I want a rig which is an extension of my ears and brain, not the Starship Enterprise. I don't care if my radio will interface with an IBM-360 or a quadraphonic stereo, and I don't want a radio telling me things which my FCC license says I am perfectly capable of determining for myself.

Actually, this nonsense didn't start recently; remember the Hammarlund HQ170AC (the AC stood for the built-in clock)? And you know what happened to Hammarlund, right? Darn all these "modern" things which purport to think for me!

Coming soon—we test the TS-830.